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II. ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Introduction

The Second Meeting of Governmental Experts from Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of Donor Countries and Financial and Development Institutions will be convened in New York from 19 to 22 June 1995 pursuant to paragraph 10 of General Assembly resolution 48/169. The terms of reference of the Meeting as set out in this resolution are to review progress in the development of transit systems in the land-locked and transit developing countries on the basis of an evaluation of the transit systems of those countries and to recommend further appropriate action, including elaboration of programmes for further improvement of those transit systems, to the Trade and Development Board and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session. The above evaluation of the transit systems was undertaken in close co-operation with the United Nations Development Programme, as called for by the resolution.

Item 1: Election of officers

1. As in the past, the Meeting may wish to elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur.

Item 2: Adoption of the provisional agenda and organization of the work

2. The provisional agenda in section I above has been prepared by the UNCTAD secretariat on the basis of the terms of reference given to the Meeting by the General Assembly in its resolution 48/169, paragraph 10.

3. The secretariat will make suggestions for the organization of work and a tentative time-table of meetings will be circulated at the beginning of the session.

Item 3: Review of progress in the development of transit systems in the land-locked and transit developing countries

and

Item 4: Proposals for appropriate future action

4. For the consideration of these two items, the Meeting will have before it the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Symposium for Land-locked and Transit Developing Countries held from 14 to 16 June 1995 in New York.

The documentation which was made available to the Symposium will also be before the Meeting, as follows:

(a) Improvement of transit transport systems in land-locked and transit developing countries: Issues for consideration (UNCTAD/LLDC/SYMP/3)

This note provides first a brief overview of the basic transit transport difficulties that are related to the lack of access to the sea. The note then focuses on sectoral problems related to various transit transport infrastructure facilities and services and highlights possible actions to overcome them, including the required interventions by the bilateral and multilateral institutions.

(b) Contributions by individual countries, and by international and intergovernmental organizations (UNCTAD/LLDC/SYMP/2 and Add.1)

The report summarizes the replies received from the land-locked and transit developing countries as well as some of the international and intergovernmental organizations involved in transit traffic and trade. These replies provide information on the policies and actions that are being taken or are envisaged to improve transit transport systems.

(c) Subregional and regional synopsis of the current transit transport situation and difficulties (UNCTAD/LLDC/SYMP/4)

This report, which draws on ongoing work in UNCTAD and in other relevant institutions, makes a brief assessment of the current transit transport situation in the different regions and subregions, as well as of the constraints that are encountered to improve it. It also highlights the actions under way to improve the transit transport systems.

Background documents

5. In addition to the above basic documents, the following background documents which were made also available to the Symposium will be before the Meeting in limited quantities:

- Selected basic transport indicators in the land-locked developing countries (UNCTAD/LDC/97)

- Transit transport systems in East and Central Africa: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/90)

- Transit transport systems for Bolivia and Paraguay: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/91)

- Transit transport systems in Southern Africa: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/93)

- Transit transport systems in West and Central Africa: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/94)

- Transit transport systems for Ethiopia: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/96)

- Transit transport systems in Asia: Issues, actions and constraints (UNCTAD/LDC/98)

- Transit transport systems of the new independent and developing land-locked States in Central Asia and their developing transit neighbours: current situation and proposals for future action (A/49/277)

Other background documents

6. The contributions from regional economic commissions and other relevant institutions have been circulated in the form and language in which they were received.

Contribution from ESCAP	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.27
Contribution from ECLAC	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.28
Contribution from ECA	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.30
Contribution from the World Bank	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.31
Contribution from the African Development Bank	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.33
Contribution from ECE	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.34
Contribution from UNDP	UNCTAD/LDC/Misc.35

Item 5: Other business

Item 6: Adoption of the report of the Meeting

7. The report of the Meeting, including its conclusions and recommendations for appropriate action, will be transmitted to the Trade and Development Board and to the General Assembly at its fiftieth session.